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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: CASC, SA

SUBJECT: EMBASSY ASSISTANCE FOR AMCIT MOHAMMED HABIB

1. AMCIT BUSINESSMAN MOHAMMED HABIB HAS REQUESTED DEPT
AND EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS FORTHCOMING
VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA.

2. HABIB HAS US LAWSUIT PENDING AGAINST RAYTHEON CORP.
INVOLVING "SENIOR SAUDI OFFICIALS". HE AND HIS LAWYERS
HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SAUDI ARABIA BY MR. M. SALIM, PRINCE
ABDULLAH'S OFFICE MANAGER TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT.
HABIB SAYS BECAUSE OF AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED IN LITIGATION
AND INVOLVEMENT OF SENIOR SAUDIS, HE AND HIS ASSOCIATES
ARE "APPREHENSIVE" ABOUT TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA. (THEY
PLAN ARRIVE JIDDA EVENING OF MAY 19.)

3. HABIB HAS ASKED IF EMBASSY WOULD TELEPHONE KANDARA
PALACE AND AL-AMANI TRADING CO. (TEL 48826 OR 47518) AND
LEAVE MESSAGE INSTRUCTING HIM TO PHONE AMERICAN EMBASSY.
HABIB MAINTAINS THIS WOULD INSURE SAUDIS KNOW EMBASSY IS
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AWARE OF HIS PRESENCE IN COUNTRY AND AFFORD HIM MEASURE
OF "PROTECTION".

4. ARP OFFICER WHO TOOK CALL OFFERED PERSONAL OPINION THAT

EMBASSY CALLS PROBABLY UNNECESSARY, BUT IN FACE OF
HABIB'S POLITE INSISTANCE, AGREED TO ASK EMBASSY TO MAKE

THEM.

5. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: HABIB'S REQUEST, THOUGH SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL, DOES NOT APPEAR TO US UNREASONABLE. REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT UNLESS THERE IS SOME SPECIAL PROBLEM OF WHICH DEPT IS UNAWARE, THAT EMBASSY MAKE CALLS REQUESTED PARA 3 ABOVE, IF POSSIBLE PRIOR TO EVENING OF MAY 19. VANCE

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